Under production by NTPC

656. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKAR DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many power stations of NTPC in the country are not functioning;

(b) how many of its power stations are not producing as per their installed capacity;

(c) the reasons therefor in each case; and

(d) what corrective measures are being taken or are contemplated by Government to ensure that all NTPC plants generate power to their installed capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) All the commissioned power stations of NTPC in the country are functioning.

(b) There has been low generation of power as compared to the target from the Talcher Super Thermal Power Station, Talcher TPS and Kawas Gas Power Station. A Statement showing the details of target and actual generation from April-January, 1997 is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(c) The generation in Talcher Super Thermal Power Station has been low due to low demand in the Eastern Region and regulation of power by NTPC for recovery of outstanding dues. The loss of generation in Kawas Gas Station is due to inadequate supply of gas.

(d) The regulation of power has since been lifted and efforts are also being made to transmit 150 MW of power from the Eastern Region to Southern Region which would make Talcher units to generate more power. Ministry of Petroleum & NG has been requested to allocate adequate gas for running of Kawas Unit.

Statement

Statement of target and actual generation from NTPC Power Stations from April-January, 1997

(Million Units)

Name of Station	Target	Actual
BADARPUR STPS	3543	3318
SINGRAULI	12029	12637
RIHAND STP	5709	5868
DADRI TH.	4909	4937
KORBA STPS	12084	13170
VINDHYACHAL STPS	7462	7624
RAMAGUNDAM STPS	11886	12724
FARAKKA STPS	5767	5555
KAHALGAON STPS	2556	2777
TALCHER STPS	2881	665
TALCHER TPS	1312	1182
NTPC UNCHAHAR	2223	2406
TOTAL COAL EXCL BTPS & TALCHER TPS	67506	68363

NAME OF STATION	TARGET	ACTUAL
ANTA (GT)	1964	2097
AURIYA GT	2470	3245
DADRI GT	2656	3244
KAWAS GT	1848	1511
GANDHAR GT	1448	2410
TOTAL NTPC	82747	85370

Conference on improving health of the power sector

657. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of conference on "Improving Health of the Power Sector" held in January 1997; and

(b) the measures proposed to solve the acute energy short-age in the country due to low plant load factor of thermal power stations, transmission losses and poor performance of the power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The Conference on "Improving the Health of Power Sector", while welcoming the adoption of Common Minimum National Action Plan for Power, inter-alia, recommended speedy reforms in the State Electricity Boards and Fuel Sector, setting up of appropriate institutional mechanism for independent regulators and steps to encourage private investment in distribution.

(b) To meet the actue energy shortages in the country, various steps which inter-alia, include additional capacity, encouraging private sector participation in power generation, better demand side management, energy conservation measures, renovation and modernisation of existing plants, reduction of transmission and distribution losses and effective utlisation of generation by transfer of power from surplus regions, if any, to defict regions through inter-regional links have been initiated by Government.

Liquid fuel policy

658. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the much publicised "Liquid Fuel Policy" announced by the Ministry of Power to meet the short term power shortages is likely to come a 'cropper' as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 7th February, 1997;

(b) whether none of the liquid fuel fired power plants proposals worth 28,00 MWs are likely to take off the ground in the next one year;

(c) if so, what are the hurdles in the way of SEBs in development of small scale liquid fuel power projects; and

(d) whether inter-ministerial wrangles and absence of supportive policy are the main reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

Power capacity addition in the Eighth Five Year Plan

659. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the planned power capacity additions in the Eighth Five Year Plan have not materalised; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons for slippages are delays in taking up of infrasturtural and enabling works due to paucity of funds, delays in placing orders for generating equipment and in award of contracts for civil works/ erection of equipment, delayed deliveries and non-sequential supplies, contract failures, law and order problems and natural calamities like floods, land slides etc.

Board of directors of the power grid corporation

660. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details and composition of the present Board of Directors of the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited;

(b) whether it is a fact that some members of the Board have been facing charges of irregularities and financial misfeasance;

(c) if so, whether Government have allowed such persons to continue in the Board; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) As on date, the Board of Directors of POWERGRID comprise of three full-time functional Directors and two part-time Directors. The full-time Directors are Shri R.P. Singh, Director (Personnel), Shri A.L. Jaggi, Director (Operations) and Shri R.K. Madan, Director (Projects). The part-time Directors are Shri J. Vasudevan and Shri S.R. Shivrain, Joint Secretaries in the Ministry of Power.

(b) to (d) Shri A.L. Jaggi, one of the Directors in the Board of POWERGRID, has been served with a chargesheet in January, 1997 for initiating major penalty proceddings. The decision on the continuance of the Director on the Board of POWERGRID would depend upon the final outcome of the departmental proceedings.

Export of power from the eastern grid

661. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the eastern region has surplus power at present and the eastern grid is facing high frequency problem;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to export energy from the eastern grid;

(c) if so, the detail thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that authorities are not able to arrive at a mutuallly agreed rate; and

(e) the steps being taken to utlise the surplus power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to export energy from Eastern Region to other regions. The export is already being done to the North-Eastern Region. A specific allocation of 150 MW from unallocated power of NTPC stations in the Eastern Region has been made to APSEB.

(b) and (e) A Power Purchase Agreement has already been signed between NTPC and APSEB where 150 MW power from Eastern Region will flow to APSEB and NTPC will bill directly to APSEB. APSEB is also to pay transmission charges to Powergrid and